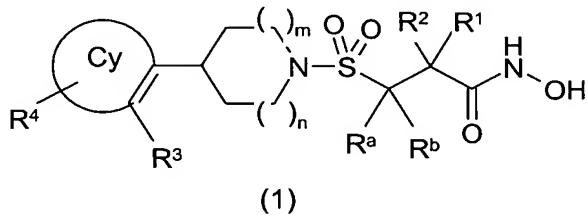


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (1):



wherein:

Cy is an aryl or heteroaryl group;

m is zero or the integer 1, 2 or 3;

n is zero or the integer 1, 2 or 3; in which the sum of m and n is zero or the integer 1, 2 or 3;

R¹ is a group selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, -C₁₋₆alkylaryl, -C₁₋₆alkylheteroaryl, -C₁₋₆alkylheterocycloalkyl or and -C₁₋₆alkylC₃₋₆cycloalkyl, in which each aryl or heteroaryl group, present as or as part of the group R¹, may be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 R⁷ substituents selected from the group R⁷, wherein each R⁷ may be the same or different, and is an atom or group selected from F, Cl, Br, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆haloalkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆haloalkoxy, CN, CO₂R^{7a}, CON(R^{7a})₂ or COR^{7a}; and in which each alkyl, heterocycloalkyl or and cycloalkyl group, present as or as part of the group R¹, may be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 R⁸ substituents selected from the group R⁸, wherein each R⁸ may be the same or different, and is an atom or group selected from F, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆haloalkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆haloalkoxy, =O, =NOR¹⁰, CO₂R^{8a}, CON(R^{8a})₂ or COR^{8a};

each R⁷ is, independently, F, Cl, Br, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆haloalkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆haloalkoxy, -CN, -CO₂R^{7a}, -CON(R^{7a})₂ or -COR^{7a};

each R^{7a}, which may be the same or different, is each is, independently, a hydrogen atom, or a C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆haloalkyl group;

each R⁸ is, independently, F, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆haloalkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆haloalkoxy, =O, =NOR¹⁰, -CO₂R^{8a}, -CON(R^{8a})₂ or -COR^{8a};

each R^{8a}, which may be the same or different, is each is, independently, a hydrogen atom, or a C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆haloalkyl group;

R¹⁰ is a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₃alkyl group;

R² is a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₃alkyl group;

or R¹ and R² together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a C₃₋₆cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl group optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 R⁹ substituents selected from the group R⁹, wherein each R⁹ may be the same or different, and is an atom or group selected from F, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆haloalkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆haloalkoxy, =O, =NOR¹⁰, -CO₂R^{8a}, -CON(R^{8a})₂ or -COR^{8a};

each R⁹ is, independently, F, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆haloalkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆haloalkoxy, =O, =NOR¹⁰, -CO₂R^{8a}, -CON(R^{8a})₂ or -COR^{8a};

R³ is an atom or group selected from F, Cl, Br, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃haloalkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxy, C₁₋₃haloalkoxy, C₁₋₃haloalkoxy or -CN;

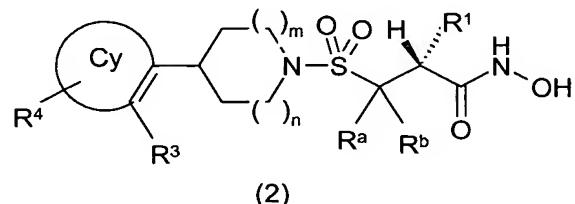
R⁴ is a hydrogen, F, Cl, or Br, atom or a C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃haloalkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxy, C₁₋₃haloalkoxy, -CN, -SO₂R⁵, -SO₂N(R⁶)₂, -CON(R⁶)₂, -N(R⁶)₂, -NHSO₂R⁵ or -NHCOR⁵ group;

R⁵ is a C₁₋₃alkyl group;

each R⁶, which may be the same or different, is each is, independently, a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₃alkyl group; and

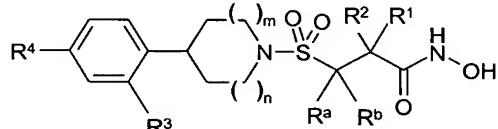
R^a and R^b, which may be the same or different, is are each an atom or group selected from hydrogen or C₁₋₃alkyl, or R^a and R^b may be joined to together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a C₃₋₆cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl group as defined for R¹ and R² optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R⁹ substituents; and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or N-oxides thereof or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or N-oxide thereof.

2. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 which has the of formula (2):



~~wherein m, n, Cy, R^a, R^b, R¹, R² and R³ are as defined in Claim 1;~~
~~and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or N-oxides thereof~~
or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or N-oxide thereof.

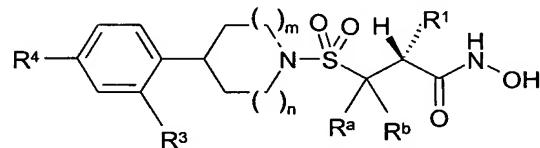
3. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 ~~which has the~~ of formula (3):



(3)

~~wherein m, n, R^a, R^b, R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are as defined in Claim 1;~~
~~and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or N-oxides thereof~~
or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or N-oxide thereof.

4. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 3 ~~which has the~~ of formula (4):



(4)

~~wherein m, n, R^a, R^b, R¹, R² and R⁴ are as defined in Claim 1;~~
~~and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or N-oxides thereof~~
or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or N-oxide thereof.

5. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~ wherein Cy is a phenyl group.

6. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim~~ Claim 1 wherein R^a and R^b ~~is~~ are each a hydrogen atom.

7. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim~~ Claim 1 wherein m is the integer 1 and n is zero or the integer 1.

8. (currently amended) A compound of ~~any preceding Claim in which according to~~ Claim 1 wherein n is the integer 1.

9. (currently amended) A compound of ~~any preceding Claim in which according to~~ Claim 1 wherein R¹ is a group selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)₁₋₂phenyl, -(CH₂)₁₋₂heteroaryl, -(CH₂)₁₋₂heterocycloalkyl or and -(CH₂)₁₋₂C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, each of which is optionally substituted in which each phenyl or heteroaryl group, present as or as part of the group R¹, may optionally be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group R⁷, as defined in Claim 1; and in which each alkyl, heterocycloalkyl or cycloalkyl group, present as or as part of the group R¹, may optionally be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group R⁸, as defined in Claim 1.

10. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim in which~~ Claim 9 wherein R¹ is a group selected from optionally substituted C₁₋₆alkyl, phenyl, heterocycloalkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl or and -(CH₂)₁₋₂phenyl.

11. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of Claims 1, 3 or 5 to 8 in which~~ Claim 1 wherein R¹ and R² together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a an optionally substituted C₃₋₆cycloalkyl group optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group R⁹, as defined in Claim 1.

12. (original) A compound according to Claim 11 in which R¹ and R² together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclobutyl group.

13. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim in which~~ Claim 1 wherein R³ is ~~an atom or group selected from~~ F, Cl, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, -CF₃, -CF₂H, methoxy, ethoxy, -OCF₃, -OCF₂H or -CN.

14. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim in which~~ Claim 1 wherein R⁴ is ~~an atom or group selected from~~ a hydrogen, F, or Cl, atom or a methyl, -CF₃, methoxy or -OCF₂H group.

15. (currently amended) A compound of ~~any preceding Claim~~ according to Claim 1 wherein R³ is ~~an atom or group selected from~~ F, Cl, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxy.

16. (original) A compound according to Claim 15 wherein R³ is a C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxy group.

17. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 15 ~~or Claim 16~~ wherein R³ is a methyl or methoxy group.

18. (currently amended) A compound which is:

2-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-N-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;

2-[4-(2-methyl-4-fluorophenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-N-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;

2-benzyl-N-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonyl]propionamide;

2-benzyl-N-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methylphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonyl]propionamide;

N-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonyl]-2-phenylpropionamide;

2(R)-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-N-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;

2(R)-[4-(2-methylphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-N-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;

1-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]cyclobutane carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

1-[4-(2-methylphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]cyclobutane carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

~~and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or N-oxides thereof or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or N-oxide thereof.~~

19. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1 together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents.